

Appl. No. 10/572,726
Amendment dated October 21, 2008
Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2008

REMARKS

The September 30, 2008 restriction requirement holds that this application contains claims directed to four patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following Inventions for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Invention I – Claims 1-14;
- Invention II – Claim 15;
- Invention III – Claims 16-26; and
- Invention IV – Claims 26-41.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the ***Invention I*** (Claims 1-14) ***without traverse***. Applicants believe that claims 1-14 read on the elected ***Invention I***. Thus, claim 15-41 can be withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected embodiment.

Applicants respectfully reserved the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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